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Hon. Philip N. Asprodites Commissioner of Conservation P. O. Box 94275 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Re: Operc B RA, Operc 3 RC, Operc 4 RD, Bateman Lake Field, St. Mary and

Terrebonne Parishes, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Asprodites:

Application is hereby made on behalf of HS Resources, Inc. to the Commissioner of Conservation for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, pertaining to the following matters relative to the confirmation of the existing units for the Operc 3 RC, dissolution of the existing units for the Operc 4 RD, and Operc B RA, and the redefinition of the Operc 3 RC, Bateman Lake Field, St. Mary and Terrebonne Parishes, Louisiana:

- 1. To confirm and continue in force and effect the Operc 3 RC SUA and SUB previously established by Office of Conservation Order No 89-H-3, effective August 29, 2000;
- 2. To redefine the Operc 3 Sand as the Operc 3 Zone, as set forth below;
- 3. To dissolve the existing Operc 4 RD SUA and SUB previously established by Office of Conservation Order No. 89-J-2, and the Operc B RA SUA previously established by Office of Conservation Order No. 89-UU, both effective August 29, 2000;
- 4. To confirm HS Resources, Inc. as operator of the Operc 3 RC SU A and the HS Resources Hoffpauir No. 1 ST-1 Well as the unit well for the Operc 3 RC SU A.
- 5. To provide that the unit well and any future wells drilled to the Operc 3 Zone, Reservoir C should be exempt from the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.

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6. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Operc 3 Zone in the Bateman Lake Field is hereby defined as that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the electrical log depths of 17,260' and 18,950' (measured depth) in the HS Resources, Inc. - Hoffpauir No. 1 ST-1 Well located in Section 12, Township 17 South, Range 12 East, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana.

The pre-application conference was held as scheduled on April 23, 2001. In attendance were the parties shown on the attached attendance list. The conference was opened by James C. Bates, attorney for the applicant, and then turned over to James F. Hardwick, consulting geologist for the applicant, who discussed the bases for the applicant's unit proposal and answered questions concerning same. Mr. John M. Moore presented a counterplan on behalf of Donald Jones which differed from the applicant's plan by deleting the unit boundary between SUA and SUB, resulting in a single unit of approximately 1400 acres. After a period of questions, answers and further discussion, the conference was adjourned. It is unknown whether there will be opposition at the hearing. In addition to furnishing the legal notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, the applicant will provide for posting of the legal notice of the hearing and unit plat in a prominent place in the area of Bateman Lake Field. Additionally, the legal notice will be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of Bateman Lake Field at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing date.

All pertinent data relating to this proposed application may be obtained **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY** from Cutright & Hardwick, P. O. Box 80972, Lafayette, Louisiana, 70598-0972, (337) 232-7756.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the units proposed for the Operc 3 Zone, Reservoir A, in the Bateman Lake Field, St. Mary and Terrebonne Parishes, Louisiana. Also enclosed to the Commissioner of Conservation and District Manager ONLY is a list of Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties to whom a copy of this notice is being sent. Copies of this list will be provided upon request. A reasonable effort has been made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties or Represented Parties.

Very truly yours,

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JCB:mw Enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson

District Manager

Interested Parties Interested Owners Represented Parties

